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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report on the implementation and adoption of standards for the global geospatial information community prepared jointly by the Open Geospatial Consortium, technical committee 211 of the International Organization for Standardization and the International Hydrographic Organization. The report is available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee of Experts (http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html). The Committee is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the way forward for the international geospatial information community, including the adoption and implementation of core geospatial standards.

Summary of the report

At its fourth session, held in New York from 6 to 8 August 2014, the Committee of Experts: adopted decision 4/110, in which it welcomed the joint efforts of the Open Geospatial Consortium, Technical Committee 211 of the International Organization for Standardization and the International Hydrographic Organization to produce a standards guide and a companion document on the importance and availability of technical standards for the geospatial community. The Committee agreed that the standards guide and the companion document are important methodological guidelines to assist Member States in implementing and adopting geospatial standards; and noted that there was still a need to continue to raise the awareness of geospatial standards and related policies, and that relevant case studies and best practices were important means of demonstrating the value to decision makers. The

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Committee of Experts took note of suggestions by Member States to build on the standards guide and companion document to include case studies, the business value proposition, data capture and quality issues, and related policies, and requested the Secretariat to work with international standards organizations and report to it at its next session.

The report describes the initiatives by the international standards organizations to continue their collaboration and build on the standards guide and the companion document, by focusing on the enrichment of the areas of case studies, business value proposition, data capture, quality issues and related policies. The report also provides suggestions for the Committee of Experts to consider on the best means for continuing to raise awareness of geospatial standards and related policies, particularly in the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda. As agreed at its fourth session, the Committee of Experts would have the final published standards guide and companion document before it at its fifth session.